ACQUISITION REFORM



PROCUREMENT PROCESS REFORM

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This team identified ways for DoD to reform its internal procurement procedures.

They streamlined competitive and sole source procurement creating a better balance between fairness and efficiency in competition. This reduces the required time to buy items and has improved communications between the government and its suppliers.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS REFORM



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RECOMMENDATIONS



- DoD Procurement Wisdom System Identify & disseminate best procurement practices throughout DoD
- Sole Source Selection Process Shorten cycle times through teaming and changing approval levels and thresholds
- Competitive Source Selection Process
 - (General) Simplify process for commercial items & use commercial sources for preaward information
 - (Presolicitation) Streamline process through elimination of non-value-added tasks and other process improvements
 - (Solicitation) Statutory changes to recognize technology improvement & greater use of that technology
 - (Evaluation & Negotiation) Make process more efficient by eliminating time consuming activity not useful to selection of source
 - (Award) Reducing cycle time by eliminating non-value-added activity

RECOMMENDATIONS



DoD Procurement Wisdom System	
Sole Source Selection Process	
Competitive Source Selection	
Process	
(General)	
(Presolicitation)	
(Solicitation)	
(Evaluation & Negotiation)	
(Award)	

STATUS OF ACTIONS



- Sections of Titles 10, 41 were changed
- AR still pursuing statutory change (3 areas)
- 2 FAR cases complete (2 in progress)
- 3 DFARS cases complete
- 4 Policy memos (3- USD(A&T); 1-10,DP)
- Procurement Wisdom System in Deskbook
- DCAA Audit Guidance issued

IMPACT OF PAT EFFORT



- Reinforced the concept of teaming improved working relationships with our suppliers
- Enhanced opportunities for reduced cycle times
- Improved the effectiveness of contracting officers/contract specialists by making better use of their time
- Increased empowerment/ability to tailor procurement approach to market circumstances
- Reductions achieved in duplicative reviews/local bureaucracy - J&A Thresholds; TINA; Restriction on use of formal source selection
- Fairness of system retained